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Description of Cover Illustration

The duck illustrated on the cover is a female Hooded Merganser. Like other mergansers, this species has a saw-edged bill for catching fish. These birds are most readily seen in Presqu'ile Bay, particularly at the peak of their spring migration in early April.

Illustration by
Jack McMaster



BIRD CHECKLIST

PRESQU'ILE PROVINCIAL PARK

Introduction

311 species of birds have been reported on the Presqu'ile peninsula, of which about 125 have bred. Bird names and their arrangement follow the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds, 6th Edition (1983) and its supplements. Bold lines divide the family (and in some songbirds, subfamily) groups. Rarities are shown in light type. Sightings of these species, or of any species which are not listed, should be documented with a complete description and/or photographs and forwarded to the Park Naturalist. We would also appreciate receiving documentation for any seasonal rarities (eg: Gray Catbird in winter) or other, less common species (eg: Long-billed Dowitcher). If birders would like to give us a copy of their daily notes, particularly including the number of each species seen and the observer's name and address, we would be most grateful. Information about recent bird sightings can be found at the Bird Sightings Board, located at the Camp Office.

Abundance Codes

When reading the abundance codes note that birds pass through during specific periods within a season—some of which can be quite restricted—so your chances of seeing them will depend heavily on timing. Weather can also play a large role in the level of bird activity, which can vary greatly from day to day. Some species have strong preferences for certain kinds of habitats and are likely to be seen only if the habitat is carefully searched. The codes given in this checklist represent the current status of each species, which in some cases has changed dramatically over the years.

- C = Common: present, often conspicuous or in large numbers.
- U = Uncommon: present but may require a concentrated effort to locate.
- R = Rare: generally seen each year but in very low numbers, may require repeated visits to locate.
- O = Occasional: not seen annually but enough records to indicate a pattern to their occurrence.
- V = Vagrant: three or less reports, likely to be seen again
- EV = Extreme Vagrant: totally unexpected, may be years if ever seen again.
- E = Erratic: numbers highly variable, may be absent for several years.

Breeding Codes

- 0 = No evidence of breeding
- ? = Status uncertain, possibly breeds; information needed.
- 1 = Formerly bred or sporadically breeds.
- 2 = Holds territories regularly, presumably breeds but no direct proof yet.
- 3 = Breeds regularly, nest or dependent young have been found.

Seasonal Codes

- Sp = Spring: the period when a species is migrating to its breeding area.
- Su = Summer: the period when a species is nesting.
- Fa = Fall: the period when a species is migrating to its wintering area.
- Wi = Winter: the period when a species is over-wintering.

Please direct comments, questions and additional information to the Park Naturalist; Presqu'ile Provincial Park, R. R. 4, Brighton, Ontario, K0K 1H0, 613-475-2204.

Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
_____	Red-throated Loon	0	R	V	R	V
_____	Common Loon	1	C	U	C	V
_____	Pied-billed Grebe	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Horned Grebe	0	C	-	C	V
_____	Red-necked Grebe	0	U	-	U	V
_____	Eared Grebe	0	V	-	V	-
_____	Western/Clark's Grebe	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Northern Fulmar	0	-	-	-	EV
_____	American White Pelican	0	-	-	V	-
_____	Double-crested Cormorant	3	C	C	C	-
_____	American Bittern	3	C	C	U	-
_____	Least Bittern	2	U	U	U	-
_____	Great Blue Heron	0	C	C	C	O
_____	Great Egret	0	R	V	V	-
_____	Snowy Egret	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Little Blue Heron	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Cattle Egret	1	V	-	V	-
_____	Green-backed Heron	3	U	U	U	-
_____	Black-crowned Night-Heron ...	3	C	C	U	-
_____	Glossy / White-faced Ibis	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Tundra Swan	O	R	-	O	V
_____	Mute Swan	1	U	O	R	O
_____	Greater White-fronted Goose ..	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Snow Goose	0	O	-	V	-
_____	Brant	0	C	V	U	-
_____	Canada Goose	3	C	R	C	V
_____	Wood Duck	3	C	C	C	V
_____	Green-winged Teal	?	C	R	C	-
_____	American Black Duck	3	C	R	C	O
_____	Mallard	3	C	C	C	O
_____	Northern Pintail	3	C	R	C	V
_____	Blue-winged Teal	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Northern Shoveler	1	U	O	U	-

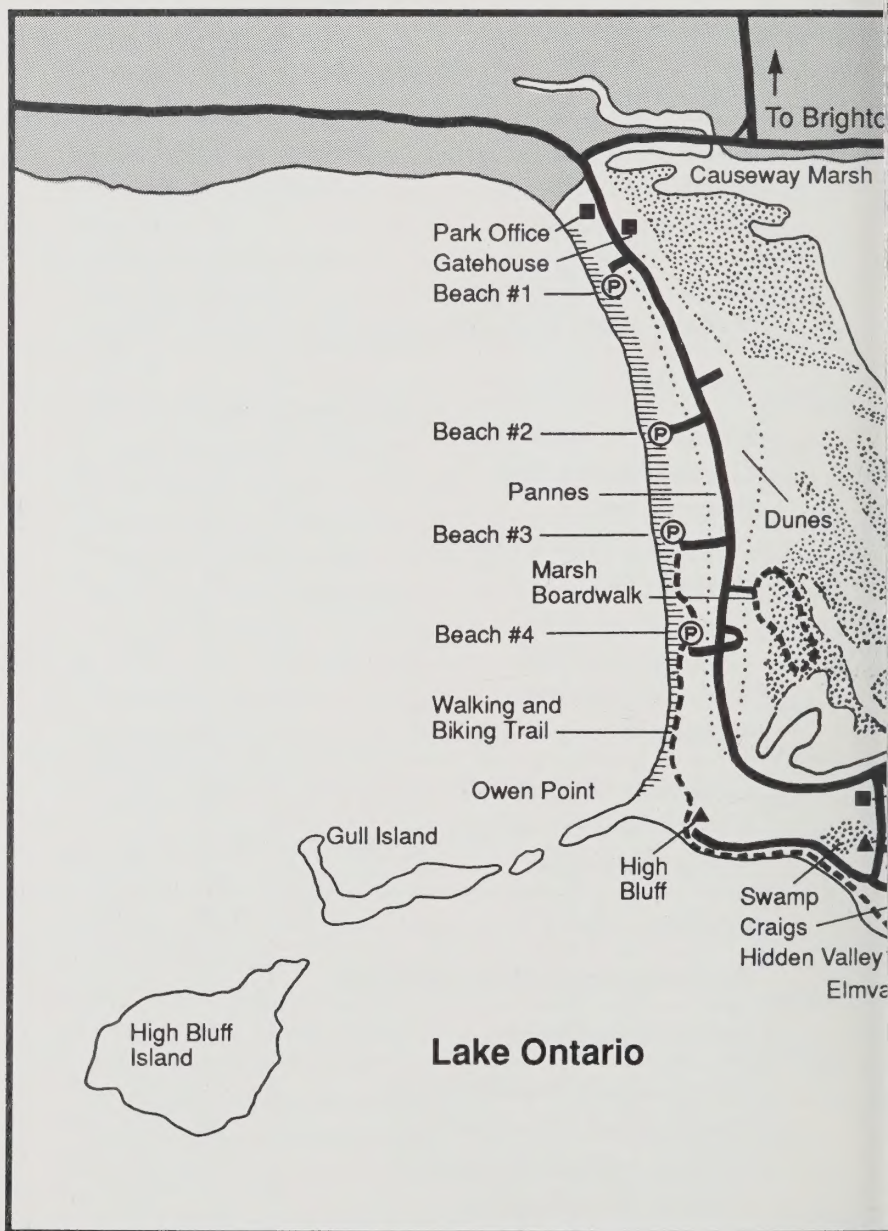
Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
—	Gadwall	3	U	U	U	V
—	Eurasian Wigeon	0	O	-	V	-
—	American Wigeon	1	C	U	C	V
—	Canvasback	0	C	V	C	R
—	Redhead	3	C	R	C	R
—	Ring-necked Duck	0	C	V	C	V
—	Greater Scaup	0	C	O	C	U
—	Lesser Scaup	0	C	O	C	O
—	King Eider	0	-	EV	R	V
—	Harlequin Duck	0	-	EV	O	V
—	Oldsquaw	0	C	R	C	C
—	Black Scoter	0	U	-	C	V
—	Surf Scoter	0	U	V	C	V
—	White-winged Scoter	0	C	V	C	O
—	Common Goldeneye	0	C	O	C	C
—	Barrow's Goldeneye	0	-	-	V	V
—	Bufflehead	0	C	V	C	U
—	Hooded Merganser	0	C	O	U	O
—	Common Merganser	1	C	O	C	U
—	Red-breasted Merganser	1	C	U	C	R
—	Ruddy Duck	0	O	-	R	-
—	Turkey Vulture	0	R	-	U	-
—	Osprey	0	U	R	U	-
—	Bald Eagle	1	O	V	R	O
—	Northern Harrier	3	C	U	C	O
—	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	C	O	C	O
—	Cooper's Hawk	3	U	R	U	O
—	Northern Goshawk	0	R	-	U	U
—	Red-shouldered Hawk	0	U	-	U	V
—	Broad-winged Hawk	3	U	R	U	-
—	Red-tailed Hawk	1	U	R	C	R
—	Rough-legged Hawk	0	U	V	U	R
—	Golden Eagle	0	-	-	V	-
—	American Kestrel	3	U	R	C	O

Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
_____	Merlin	0	R	-	U	-
_____	Peregrine Falcon	0	R	-	R	V
_____	Gyr Falcon	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Ring-necked Pheasant	1	V	-	V	-
_____	Ruffed Grouse	3	C	U	U	C
_____	Yellow Rail	0	-	-	V	-
_____	King Rail	1	-	O	-	-
_____	Virginia Rail	3	U	U	U	V
_____	Sora	3	U	U	U	-
_____	Common Moorhen	3	C	C	C	-
_____	American Coot	3	C	U	C	V
_____	Sandhill Crane	0	V	-	V	-
_____	Black-bellied Plover	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Lesser Golden-Plover	0	V	-	U	-
_____	Mongolian Plover	0	EV	-	-	-
_____	Semipalmated Plover	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Piping Plover	1	O	-	O	-
_____	Killdeer	3	C	C	C	-
_____	American Oystercatcher	0	EV	-	-	-
_____	American Avocet	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Greater Yellowlegs	0	U	-	U	-
_____	Lesser Yellowlegs	0	U	-	C	-
_____	Solitary Sandpiper	0	U	-	U	-
_____	Willet	0	R	-	V	-
_____	Spotted Sandpiper	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Upland Sandpiper	0	O	-	V	-
_____	Whimbrel	0	C	-	R	-
_____	Hudsonian Godwit	0	V	-	O	-
_____	Marbled Godwit	0	V	-	V	-
_____	Ruddy Turnstone	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Red Knot	0	U	-	U	-
_____	Sanderling	0	C	-	C	V

Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
_____	Semipalmated Sandpiper.....	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Western Sandpiper	0	V	-	R	-
_____	Least Sandpiper	0	C	-	C	-
_____	White-rumped Sandpiper	0	U	-	C	-
_____	Baird's Sandpiper	0	O	-	U	-
_____	Pectoral Sandpiper	0	R	-	U	-
_____	Purple Sandpiper	0	V	-	R	V
_____	Dunlin.....	0	C	V	C	-
_____	Curlew Sandpiper	0	-	-	V	-
_____	Stilt Sandpiper	0	V	-	U	-
_____	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	0	-	-	R	-
_____	Ruff	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Short-billed Dowitcher	0	U	-	C	-
_____	Long-billed Dowitcher	0	-	-	O	-
_____	Common Snipe.....	3	C	C	U	-
_____	American Woodcock	3	C	C	U	-
_____	Wilson's Phalarope	?	R	O	R	-
_____	Red-necked Phalarope	0	V	-	O	-
_____	Red Phalarope	0	-	-	O	-
_____	Parasitic Jaeger	0	V	-	R	-
_____	Laughing Gull	0	V	-	V	-
_____	Franklin's Gull	0	V	V	V	-
_____	Little Gull	0	U	R	R	-
_____	Common Black-headed Gull ...	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Bonaparte's Gull.....	0	C	U	C	-
_____	Ring-billed Gull	3	C	C	C	R
_____	Herring Gull	3	C	C	C	U
_____	Iceland Gull.....	0	R	-	-	R
_____	Lesser Black-backed Gull	0	V	-	V	-
_____	Glaucous Gull	0	U	-	R	R
_____	Great Black-backed Gull	3	C	U	C	U
_____	Black-legged Kittiwake	0	-	-	O	-
_____	Sabine's Gull	0	-	-	V	-
_____	Ivory Gull	0	-	-	-	EV
_____	Caspian Tern	3	C	C	C	-

Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
_____	Sandwich Tern	0	-	EV	-	-
_____	Common Tern	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Arctic Tern	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Forster's Tern	0	R	-	R	-
_____	Black Tern	3	C	C	U	-
_____	Rock Dove	1	U	U	U	R
_____	Band-tailed Pigeon	0	-	-	EV	-
_____	Mourning Dove	3	C	C	C	U
_____	Black-billed Cuckoo	3	U	U	U	-
_____	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	?	O	O	O	-
_____	Barn Owl	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Eastern Screech-Owl	0	-	-	V	-
_____	Great Horned Owl	3	U	U	U	U
_____	Snowy Owl	0	R	-	U	U
_____	Northern Hawk Owl	0	-	-	V	-
_____	Barred Owl	?	R	R	R	R
_____	Great Gray Owl	0	V	-	-	V
_____	Long-eared Owl	?	R	O	R	R
_____	Short-eared Owl	0	V	-	V	-
_____	Northern Saw-whet Owl	?	R	-	U	-
_____	Common Nighthawk	0	C	U	C	-
_____	Chuck-will's-widow	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Whip-poor-will	?	U	R	R	-
_____	Chimney Swift	?	C	C	C	-
_____	Ruby-throated Hummingbird ..	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Belted Kingfisher	3	C	C	U	-
_____	Red-headed Woodpecker	1	U	R	R	-
_____	Red-bellied Woodpecker	?	R	O	V	-
_____	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	?	C	V	C	-
_____	Downy Woodpecker	3	C	C	C	C
_____	Hairy Woodpecker	3	U	U	U	U

Presqu'ile Provincial Park



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North



Presqu'ile Bay

The Fingers

Indian Point

Presqu'ile Marsh

Bayshore Drive

Calf Pasture Point

Government Dock

mp Office

Paxton Drive

Calf Pasture

Salt Point

Pines
Maples



Jobes Woods
Nature Trail

Newcastle
Trail

Park
Boundary

Jobes Woods

Newcastle
Woods

Private
Property

Group
Camping

Day Use Area

Lakeshore Drive

Staff Quarters

Lighthouse

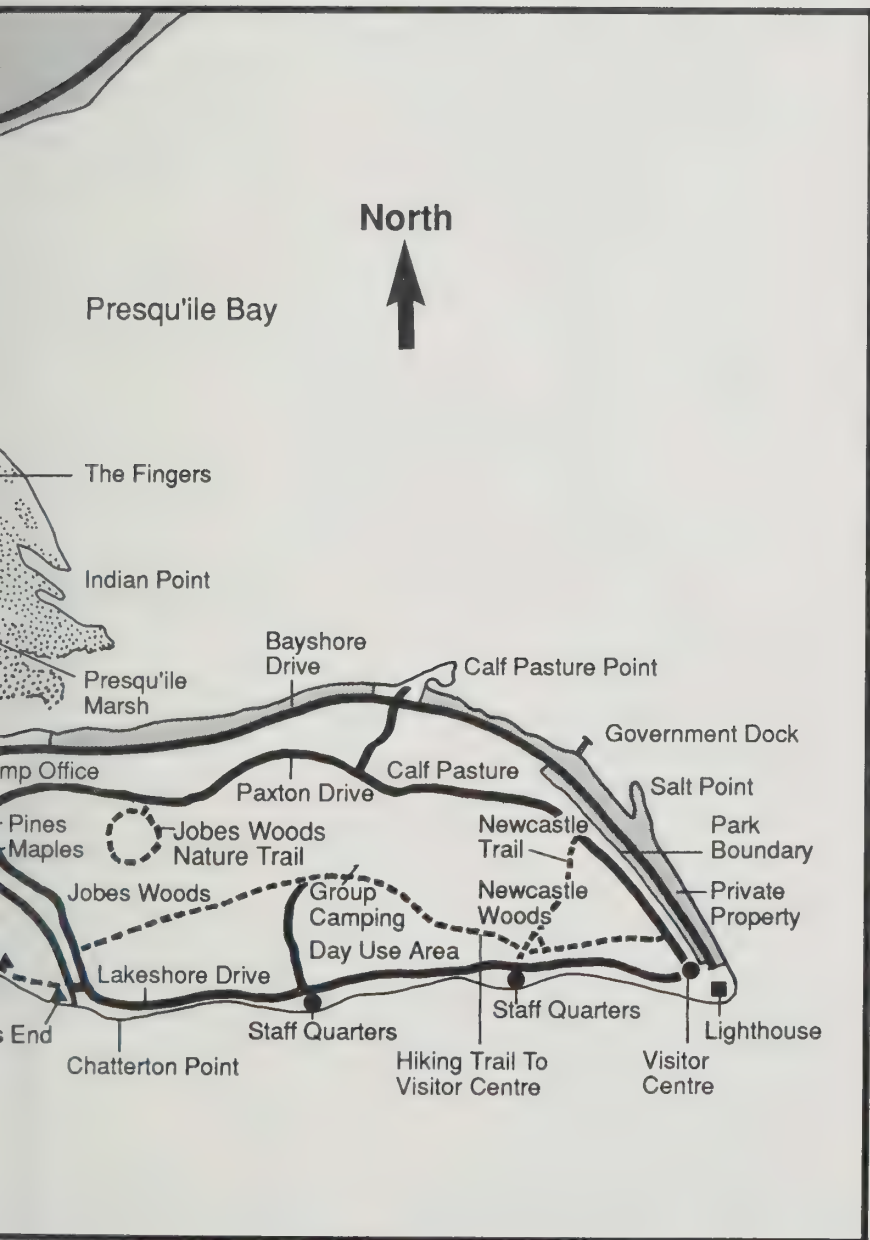
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Chatterton Point

Staff Quarters

Hiking Trail To
Visitor Centre

Visitor
Centre



Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
_____	Three-Toed Woodpecker	0	-	-	V	V
_____	Black-backed Woodpecker	?	O	-	O	O
_____	Northern Flicker	3	C	C	C	O
_____	Pileated Woodpecker	3	U	U	U	U
_____	Olive-sided Flycatcher	0	U	-	U	-
_____	Eastern Wood-Pewee	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	0	U	-	U	-
_____	Acadian Flycatcher.....	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Alder Flycatcher	?	U	O	U	-
_____	Willow Flycatcher	3	U	U	U	-
_____	Least Flycatcher	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Eastern Phoebe	3	C	U	C	-
_____	Great Crested Flycatcher	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher.....	0	-	-	EV	-
_____	Western Kingbird.....	0	V	-	V	-
_____	Eastern Kingbird	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Horned Lark	0	C	V	U	O
_____	Purple Martin	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Tree Swallow	3	C	C	C	-
_____	North. Rough-winged Swallow	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Bank Swallow	1	C	C	C	-
_____	Cliff Swallow	0	U	U	U	-
_____	Barn Swallow	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Gray Jay	0	V	-	V	V
_____	Blue Jay	3	C	C	C	C
_____	American Crow	3	C	C	C	R
_____	Common Raven.....	0	-	-	V	-
_____	Black-capped Chickadee	3	C	C	C	C
_____	Boreal Chickadee	0	O	-	V	O
_____	Tufted Titmouse	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	C	U	C	U
_____	White-breasted Nuthatch	3	C	C	C	C

Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
_____	Brown Creeper	3	C	U	C	U
_____	Carolina Wren	1	O	O	O	V
_____	House Wren	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Winter Wren	3	C	U	C	V
_____	Sedge Wren	1	R	V	V	-
_____	Marsh Wren	3	C	C	C	V
_____	Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	C	U	C	C
_____	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	?	C	V	C	V
_____	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3	U	U	U	-
_____	Eastern Bluebird	1	R	-	U	-
_____	Townsend's Solitaire	0	-	-	-	V
_____	Veery	3	C	U	C	-
_____	Gray-cheeked Thrush	0	U	-	C	-
_____	Swainson's Thrush	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Hermit Thrush	?	C	V	C	V
_____	Wood Thrush	3	C	C	U	-
_____	American Robin	3	C	C	C	O
_____	Gray Catbird	3	C	C	C	V
_____	Northern Mockingbird	1	O	V	V	-
_____	Brown Thrasher	3	U	U	U	-
_____	American Pipit	0	U	-	C	-
_____	Bohemian Waxwing	0	V	-	-	V
_____	Cedar Waxwing	3	C	C	C	E
_____	Northern Shrike	0	U	-	U	U
_____	Loggerhead Shrike	0	O	-	O	-
_____	European Starling	3	C	C	C	U
_____	White-eyed Vireo	0	O	-	-	-
_____	Solitary Vireo	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Yellow-throated Vireo	0	U	-	R	-
_____	Warbling Vireo	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Philadelphia Vireo	0	C	-	C	-

Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
_____	Red-eyed Vireo	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Blue-winged Warbler	0	R	V	O	-
_____	Golden-winged Warbler	0	U	-	R	-
_____	Tennessee Warbler	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Orange-crowned Warbler	0	R	-	U	-
_____	Nashville Warbler	2	C	U	C	V
_____	Northern Parula	0	U	-	U	-
_____	Yellow Warbler	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Chestnut-sided Warbler	2	C	R	C	-
_____	Magnolia Warbler	?	C	V	C	-
_____	Cape May Warbler	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Black-throated Blue Warbler...	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Yellow-rumped Warbler	3	C	U	C	V
_____	Black-throated Green Warbler.	2	C	U	C	-
_____	Blackburnian Warbler	2	C	U	C	-
_____	Pine Warbler	2	U	U	R	-
_____	Prairie Warbler.....	0	O	-	V	-
_____	Palm Warbler	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Bay-breasted Warbler.....	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Blackpoll Warbler	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Cerulean Warbler.....	?	R	O	V	-
_____	Black-and-white Warbler	3	C	U	C	-
_____	American Redstart	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Worm-eating Warbler	0	V	-	V	-
_____	Ovenbird	2	C	C	C	V
_____	Northern Waterthrush.....	2	C	C	C	-
_____	Louisiana Waterthrush.....	0	V	-	V	-
_____	Kentucky Warbler	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Connecticut Warbler.....	0	O	-	R	-
_____	Mourning Warbler	3	U	U	U	-
_____	Common Yellowthroat	3	C	C	C	O
_____	Hooded Warbler	0	O	-	-	-
_____	Wilson's Warbler	0	C	-	C	-
_____	Canada Warbler	3	C	R	C	-
_____	Yellow-breasted Chat	0	O	-	-	-

Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
_____	Summer Tanager	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Scarlet Tanager	?	C	V	C	-
_____	Northern Cardinal.....	3	C	C	C	R
_____	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	3	C	R	C	-
_____	Blue Grosbeak.....	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Indigo Bunting	3	C	U	U	-
_____	Dickcissel.....	0	-	-	V	-
_____	Rufous-sided Towhee.....	?	U	V	U	V
_____	American Tree Sparrow	0	C	-	C	C
_____	Chipping Sparrow	3	C	C	C	V
_____	Clay-colored Sparrow	0	O	-	V	-
_____	Field Sparrow	3	C	R	C	V
_____	Vesper Sparrow	0	C	-	U	V
_____	Lark Sparrow.....	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Lark Bunting	0	-	-	EV	-
_____	Savannah Sparrow	3	C	U	C	-
_____	Grasshopper Sparrow.....	?	V	V	V	-
_____	Henslow's Sparrow.....	1	V	-	V	-
_____	Sharp-tailed Sparrow	0	-	-	R	-
_____	Fox Sparrow	0	U	-	U	V
_____	Song Sparrow	3	C	C	C	R
_____	Lincoln's Sparrow	0	C	-	U	V
_____	Swamp Sparrow	3	C	C	C	R
_____	White-throated Sparrow	3	C	U	C	R
_____	White-crowned Sparrow	0	C	-	C	V
_____	Dark-eyed Junco.....	?	C	V	C	U
_____	Lapland Longspur.....	0	V	-	U	V
_____	Snow Bunting	0	U	-	C	U
_____	Bobolink.....	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Red-winged Blackbird	3	C	C	C	O
_____	Eastern Meadowlark	3	C	U	C	-
_____	Rusty Blackbird	0	C	-	C	V
_____	Brewer's Blackbird	0	V	-	-	-
_____	Common Grackle.....	3	C	C	C	R
_____	Brown-headed Cowbird	3	C	C	C	-

Date		Br.	Sp.	Su.	Fa.	Wi.
_____	Orchard Oriole	0	R	-	V	-
_____	Northern Oriole	3	C	C	C	-
_____	Pine Grosbeak	0	E	-	E	E
_____	Purple Finch	3	C	R	E	E
_____	House Finch	3	C	U	U	U
_____	Red Crossbill	0	E	V	E	E
_____	White-winged Crossbill.....	1	E	O	E	E
_____	Common Redpoll.....	0	E	-	E	E
_____	Hoary Redpoll	0	O	-	-	V
_____	Pine Siskin	1	E	E	E	E
_____	American Goldfinch	3	C	C	C	E
_____	Evening Grosbeak	0	E	V	E	E
_____	House Sparrow.....	1	U	U	U	R

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